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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2016

The 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, and 41st Michigan worker deaths of 2016 occurred on November 1, 9, 10, October 27, and November 30, 2016. The information below shares preliminary details about the most recent fatalities reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOsha). The description reflects information provided to MIOsha at the initial report of the incident and are not the result of the official MIOsha investigation.

Preliminary summary of incident #37: On November 1, 2016, at approximately 9:00 a.m., a 55-year-old owner/operator was on a mobile crane taking a gravel shaker off a lowboy trailer. As he moved the gravel shaker, the crane tipped over causing the mobile crane cap to strike another lowboy trailer, crushing the cab and the owner/operator.

Preliminary summary of incident #38: On November 4, 2016, at approximately 3:30 p.m., two employees were working inside of the bowl of a water tower. The scaffolding collapsed and the employees fell 30-40 feet. A 24-year-old painter passed away on November 9, 2016.


Preliminary summary of incident #39: On November 10, 2016, at approximately 11:30 a.m., the 40-year-old tree trimmer was performing tree trimming at a private residence. There were no witnesses, but it appears that he fell approximately 40 feet to the ground. He was declared deceased at the scene.

Preliminary summary of incident #40: On October 13, 2016, at approximately 2:45 p.m., a 34-year-old general labor employee was walking around a corner when he slipped and fell, injuring his ankle. On October 24, he saw an orthopedic doctor who put him into a foot brace and scheduled an MRI for October 29. However, on October 27, the employer was informed the employee had passed away. The autopsy determined the employee passed away as a result of complications from the ankle injury.

Preliminary summary of incident #41: On November 30, 2016, at approximately 5:00 a.m., a 65-year-old maintenance tech was in an articulating boom lift approximately 20 feet in the air, welding a gusset support on the south rail of a pick and place conveyor line. Unable to reach the opposite side on the support, he climbed out of the lift bucket and stood on some steel tubing that ran through the ceiling. After completing the weld, witnesses saw him falling onto a hood and the floor below.

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There were 29 MIOSHA-related deaths in 2015. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24. Every life is precious. Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of their shift every day!

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOSHA is here with resources to help. The Consultation, Education and Training (CET) Division provides workplace safety and health training and consultations to employers and employees throughout Michigan free of charge. Contact CET today at 800-866-4674 or submit a request [online](#).

Reinspections for Fiscal Year 2017

If an establishment receives a high number of serious violations during any inspection, the General Industry Safety and Health Division (GISHD) may conduct a reinspection of the establishment one to three years later. The purpose of the return visit is to see whether safety and health measures put in place to abate/correct citations issued during a previous inspection are being maintained.

Here are the determining factors for assigning/conducting a reinspection. First, reinspections are assigned after any type of inspection, not just programmed comprehensive inspections. Second, the trigger point for assigning a reinspection at a particular facility is dependent on the number of employees working at the establishment and the number of serious citations issued. Specifically, a reinspection may be conducted if a workplace:

- Had any type of inspection conducted during FY 14 through FY 16; and
- The inspection is past the final order date and citations are all abated, or the inspection is closed; and
- The size of the company and number of citations meet one of the conditions below:
 - The company has up to 249 employees and received five or more serious citations, or
 - The company has 250-499 employees and received seven or more serious citations, or
 - The company has 500 or more employees and received ten or more serious citations.

GISHD will issue approximately 100 reinspection assignments during FY 17. These establishments will continue to be included on future reinspection lists until the establishment is below the trigger points.

For more information on safety and health management systems, contact the Consultation, Education and Training (CET) Division at 517-284-7720.

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November 1, 2016 – [Inspection and Citation Policy for Accident Prevention Programs and First Aid Training](#)

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MEDIA

November 23, 2016 - [Herman Miller Receives Renewed 'Star' Workplace Safety and Health Status](#)

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VARIANCES

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